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1. FURTHER TO REFS A AND B, WE REPORT SOME COMMENTS  
MADE BY TURKISH DEFAD OZCERI TO DEFAD LEGERE DURING  
THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION THE LATTER HAD INITIATED  
ON MAY 11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF URGING THAT TURKEY RE-  
DUCE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE NUMBER OF ITS RESERVATIONS  
ON THE LTDP REPORT (DETAILS ON THAT SUBJECT REPORTED  
SEPTEL).

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2. OZCERI SAID THAT THE STATEMENT KIRCA DELIVERED  
AT THE MAY 8 DPC WAS DRAFTED THAT DAY FOLLOAING A  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN KIRCA AND THE CHIEF  
OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, WHO HAD JUST COME FROM  
ECEVIT'S OFFICE. WE HAVE OBTAINED A COPY OF THAT  
STATEMENT AND PROVIDE IT IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW  
(MISSION INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH).

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3. OCZERI ADDED THAT THE TURKS WERE WELL AWARE OF ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO SECURE A LIFTING OF THE ARMAMENTS RESTRICTIONS ON TURKEY, BUT THESE EFFORTS COMPARED UNFAVORABLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF WAS HOSTING BREAKFASTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. OCZERI SAID THAT ECEVIT WOULD NOT BE A TROUBLEMAKER, TRYING TO BOMB THE SUMMIT. NEVERTHELESS, THE TURKS COULD NOT CLOSE THEIR EYES TO THE GREAT DISPARITY BETWEEN THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE LTDP AND THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AFFLICTING TURKEY FOR THE PAST THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS. ACCORDING TO OCZERI, ECEVIT MIGHT (A) RETAIN TURKEY'S FOOTNOTE, OR (B) INSTEAD, SETTLE FOR A STATEMENT IN THE RECORD OUTLINING HIS VIEWS, OR (C) ASK FOR THE STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AND RETENTION OF THE FOOTNOTE. WHICHEVER COURSE HE ELECTED, HE WOULD PURSUE IT WITHOUT BOMBAST.

4. COMMENT: OCZERI IS SMART AND LEVEL-HEADED. WE UNDERSTAND HE WORKED FOR ECEVIT DURING THE CYPRUS CRISIS IN THE SUMMER OF 1974; HENCE, HE COULD BE A RATHER RELIABLE FORECASTER OF ECEVIT'S PROBABLE CONDUCT AT THE SUMMIT. REF C WAS NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MAY 12, AFTER DEFAD'S CONVERSATION WITH OZCERI. END COMMENT.

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5. BEGIN TEXT OF KIRCA'S STATEMENT, MAY 8 DPC MEETING:

THE READING OF THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT BRINGS OUT ONE PRINCIPAL FACT: NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS REQUIRE EVER MORE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY, A FACTOR THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE NOT ONLY IN THE ACQUISITION COSTS BUT ALSO IN PERSONNEL AND TRAINING COSTS.

TURKEY, WHICH, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF ALL SOCIO-ECONOMIC CRITERIA, IS A DEVELOPING NATION, WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE EFFORT ONLY IF, FIRSTLY, AID IN ALL FORMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT CONTINUES AND EVEN INCREASES CONSIDERABLY, AND EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACQUISITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY TURKEY FROM ALLIED SOURCES -- RESTRICTIONS WHICH ARE IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE VERY IDEA OF THE ALLIANCE -- ARE COMPLETELY LIFTED.

SECONDLY, CONSTANT SUPPORT BY ALLIES FOR THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF TURKEY'S ECONOMY SHOWS ITSELF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

TURKEY IS A DEVELOPING NATION THAT PRESENTS CERTAIN VALU-

ABLE CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE ALLIANCE: IT IS NOT NEUTRAL, NOR NON-ALIGNED; DOES NOT BELONG TO THE THIRD WORLD; IN BRIEF, IT IS YOUR ALLY; IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, IT IS PRESENT IN ALL WESTERN FORA.

TURKEY'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEST SHOULD IN NO CASE CONSTITUTE A DISADVANTAGE WHEN OUR ALLIES DETERMINE THE ASSISTANCE THEY WILL OFFER TO DEVELOPING NATIONS. ON THE CONTRARY, OUR ALLIES SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF DEFENSE EFFORT, TURKEY, WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, BEARS AN EFFORT AT A LEVEL THAT CAN HARDLY BE COMPARED TO THAT BORNE BY THE DEVELOPING COUN-

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TRIES IN THE THIRD WORLD -- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN ARAB COUNTRIES FOR WELL-KNOWN REASONS.

TURKEY'S DEFENSE EFFORT CONTRIBUTES NOT ONLY TO THE ALLIANCE'S MILITARY POSTURE BUT ALSO, THANKS TO MY COUNTRY'S UNIQUE POSITION AS A SHIELD, IS AT THE SAME TIME A DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE DEFENSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, OF THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST, AND OF AFRICA. IT IS EVIDENT THAT IF THE TURKISH SHIELD WERE TO WEAKEN, THE DEVELOPING NATIONS TO THE SOUTH OF ANATOLIA, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, WOULD FIND IT NECESSARY TO INCREASE THEIR DEFENSE EFFORT TO A LEVEL PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE TO

ATTAIN.

FOR THAT REASON, TURKEY, AS A DEVELOPING NATION, FINDS IT-  
SELF IN A VERY SPECIAL SITUATION IN RELATION TO NON-ALIGNED  
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DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS IS WHY MY GOVERNMENT THINKS THAT  
THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE ALLIANCE TO RE-THINK, WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, ADE-  
QUATE MEANS FOR SUSTAINED SUPPORT OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT  
OF TURKEY'S ECONOMY, SO AS TO RAISE IT TO A LEVEL WHERE IT  
WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, LIKE OUR OTHER ALLIES, THE NECES-  
SARY RESOURCES FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE AS WELL AS FOR THE DE-  
FENSE OF THE OVERALL INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE.

CONSEQUENTLY, MY DEFENSE MINISTER MAY VERY PROBABLY WISH  
THE INCLUSION OF AN APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH, EITHER IN THE  
TEXT OF THE REPORT THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE HEADS OF  
STATE AND GOVERNMENT OR IN THE WASHINGTON COMMUNIQUE, RE-  
FLECTING CONSIDERATIONS I HAVE JUST EXPRESSED.

END TEXT. BENNETT

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